TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1962 - SB 2814

March 14, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (015644): Authorizes a person to file a petition to establish the heirs of an intestate decedent without letters of administration for the purpose of establishing title to real or personal property. Requires a court to publish notice of such petition if the name or address of an heir at law is unknown. Requires the court to conduct a hearing if objection is made to such a petition.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 30-1-101, a person is prohibited from entering upon the administration of any deceased person's estate until the person has obtained letters of administration or letters testamentary.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 30-1-102, letters of administration are granted by the probate court of the county where the intestate had usual residence at the time of the intestate's death, or, in case the intestate had fixed places of residence in more than one county, the probate court of either county is authorized to grant letters of administration upon the intestate's estate.
- The proposed legislation authorizes a person to file a petition to establish the heirs of an intestate decedent without letters of administration for the purpose of establishing title to real or personal property or personal.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the number of cases in the court system for state or local government to experience any significant impact on revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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